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RAJYA SABHA

Rail accidents

3304. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway accidents occurred in different railway zones of the country during the last three years, zone-wise; and

(b) the details of steps taken by his Ministry for preventing such accidents in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The details of consequential train accidents on Indian Railways during the last three years, year-wise and zone-wise are as under:—

2004-05

Railway		Collision	Derailment	Manned Level Crossing	Unmanned Level Crossing	ellane- ous	Fire	
Misc-	Total							
Central		2	13	1	1	2	1	20
Eastern		2	10	—	2	—	—	14
East Central		—	10	—	6	2	—	18
Northern		5	25	1	14	2	—	47
North Eastern		—	5	—	10	—	—	15
Northeast Frontier		—	7	—	4	1	—	12
North Western		1	10	—	3	—	—	14
Southern		—	2	—	3	1	2	8
South Central		2	10	1	3	—	—	16
South Eastern		—	2	—	1	—	—	3
Western		—	8	1	6	1	—	15
Konkan		—	2	—	—	—	—	2
East Coast		—	12	—	2	—	—	14
South Western		—	3	1	3	—	—	7
West Central		—	3	—	3	1	—	7
North Central		1	6	—	3	—	—	10
South East Central		—	10	—	1	—	—	11
TOTAL:		13	138	5	65	10	3	234

2005-06

Railway	Collision	Derailment	Manned Level Crossing	Unmanned Level Crossing	Fire	Miscellaneous	Total
Central	—	6	1	1	1	—	9
Eastern	—	4	1	1	—	—	6
East Central	2	10	1	3	2	—	18
Northern	1	20	1	16	5	—	43
North Eastern	—	11	—	7	—	—	18
Northeast Frontier	—	13	—	1	—	—	14
North Western	1	4	2	7	1	1	16
Southern	—	3	—	4	1	1	9
South Central	—	11	—	6	—	—	17
South Eastern	2	7	—	1	1	—	11
Western	1	11	2	3	—	—	17
Konkan	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
East Coast	—	9	1	3	—	—	13
South Western	—	9	—	7	—	2	18
West Central	—	1	—	3	2	—	6
North Central	1	2	—	1	1	—	5
South East Central	1	9	1	1	1	—	13
TOTAL:	9	131	10	65	15	4	234

2006-07

Railway	Collision	Derailment	Manned Level Crossing	Unmanned Level Crossing	Fire	Miscellaneous	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Central	2	9	—	—	—	—	11
Eastern	—	9	1	1	—	1	12
East Central	1	4	2	—	—	—	7
Northern	—	13	3	15	2	3	36
North Eastern	—	4	—	5	—	1	10
Northeast Frontier	—	5	1	2	—	—	8

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
North Western	—	7	—	10	—	—	17
Southern	—	4	—	11	—	1	16
South Central	2	2	—	5	1	—	10
South Eastern	—	5	—	—	—	—	5
Western	1	4	—	9	—	—	14
Konkan	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
East Coast	—	8	—	3	—	—	11
South Western	—	8	—	4	—	—	12
West Central	—	4	—	1	—	—	5
North Central	2	4	—	3	1	2	12
South East Central	—	5	—	3	—	—	8
TOTAL:	8	96	7	72	4	8	195

(b) All possible steps are undertaken on a continuing basis to prevent accidents. These measures include timely replacement of over-aged assets, adoption of suitable technologies for upgradation and maintenance of track, rolling stock, signalling and interlocking systems, safety drives and inspections at regular intervals to monitor and educate staff for observance of safe practices. As a result, there has been a decline in the number of accidents from 234 in 2004-05 to 195 in 2006-07.

Quality of food supplied in trains and stations

3305. SHRI PR. RAJAN:

SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has initiated any exercise on audit of food safety standards in its base kitchens and pantry cars;

(b) if so, whether this food safety standards in its base kitchens and pantry cars;

(c) whether the Railways has any plans to train its kitchen and food service staff on running trains; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?